

# **State Airport Grant Assurances**



**Washington State  
Department of Transportation**

# State Grant Agreement – Terms and Conditions Summary

- Public Entity will:
  - Match the State's participation in project
  - Carry out and complete the project in accordance with the plans and specs
  - Secure at least two written appraisals by competent, experienced appraisers who are members of recognized professional appraisal organization
  - Agree to hold airport open to flying public during the useful life of the facilities developed under the project
  - Make no charge to the State or its agencies for a limited, but reasonable, amount of state agency use or for state activity in search and rescue

# Summary of FAA Assurances

Federal assurances address:

- **Responsibilities of sponsor**
- Project consistency with local plans
- Consideration of local interests / Users / Necessity for public hearings
- Air and water standards
- **Pavement preventative maintenance**
- Terminal development standards
- Recording keeping / Minimum wage rates / Veteran's and civil rights
- **Project inspection / Approval / Planning**
- Hazard removal / Mitigation
- Compatible land use
- Economic nondiscrimination
- Fee / Rental structure / Airport revenues
- Reports and Inspections
- **Airport Layout Plans**
- Use by Government aircraft
- Disposal of land
- Engineering and Design Services
- Relocation / Property acquisition
- Disadvantaged Business Enterprises
- Hangar Construction
- Competitive access
- **Policies / Standards / Specs**

# **FAA Circular-Airport Design Standards**

- The standards and recommendations contained in advisory circular are recommended by the Federal Aviation Administration for use in the design of civil airports.

From Advisory Circular 150/5300-13

# FAA Design Standards

Examples:

- Airport Geometry
- Runway Design
- Taxiway and Taxilane Design
- Surface Gradient and Line of Sight

# State Aviation Policy

- In the state's interest that air transportation is safe.
- With decentralized ownership of transportation system in WA, much of state's interest is met when public airport owners accept state aid to improve and maintain airport infrastructure.
- Airport sponsors obligated to meet grant agreement terms and conditions.
- State will continue to update airport aid obligations as new issues emerge.
- In state's interest to use the airport aid program to encourage public airport owners to improve aviation safety by complying with federal design standards when possible.

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## **State Policy-Airport Design Stds.**

- It is the responsibility of the owner of a public use airport to maintain a safe facility.
- It shall be the policy of the State of Washington to require airport aid recipients to meet appropriate Federal Aviation Administration FAA design and construction standards for all **new improvement projects**.
- The state recognizes each public use airport is unique and may not be able to meet all design standards due to existing facility limitations.
- Airport grant recipients shall make every effort to comply with FAA design standards on all existing airport facilities where reasonable.

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## **State Policy-Airport Design Stds.**

- Public use airports receiving state funding shall be required to maintain an up to date Airport Layout Plan ALP to identify where improvements are needed to meet FAA design standards.
- The ALP shall include a Capital Improvement Plan CIP to prioritize a list of airport projects to meet FAA design standards.
- The state shall give funding priority to airport projects that improve airport safety.
- The state shall continue to fund projects to maintain existing airport facilities.



# Discussion